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# ILLINOIS MANDATORY SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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Division of Law Enforcement  
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787



# BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

## What is it?

The Illinois Boating Safety Education Course consists of a minimum eight hours of instruction. These courses cover the basics of boating safety, equipment and requirements, navigation, motorboat registration and titling, emergency measures and the Illinois boating laws. Films, manuals and handouts are provided for use in the classroom.

Persons completing the 8 hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

## Who Must Take the Course?

On January 1, 1978, a State law was passed that requires persons at least twelve years of age and less than eighteen years of age to operate a motorboat only if:

- they have in possession a valid Boating Safety Education Certificate of Competency issued by the Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement.
- they are accompanied on the motorboat and under direct control of a parent or a guardian, or a guardian at least eighteen years of age designated by a parent or guardian.

## Where Are Courses Available?

Many civic organizations, park districts, schools, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, the Red Cross along with other interest groups sponsor classes throughout the state.

## Why Take a Boating Safety Education Course?

Throughout the year, many people operate motor-driven watercraft on the Illinois waters and many operate for the first time. So, we encourage people of all ages — both novice and experienced — to take the course. Each of us has the responsibility to keep this lifetime leisure activity free from tragedy and personal loss to ourselves and our fellow boaters. The Illinois Boating Education Course is offered with these objectives in mind.





# HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION

## What is it?

The Illinois Hunter Education Program consists of a minimum ten hours of instruction. These courses cover the basics of hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation and identification, firearms and ammunition, field safety, wildlife management, first aid, archery, muzzleloading, and state regulations. The instruction may be supplemented with the use of films, flip charts, and firearm displays.

Persons completing the hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

## Who Must Take The Course?

On January 1, 1976, a State law was passed requiring that no person under sixteen years of age may be issued a hunting license unless:

- they present a valid Hunter Safety Education Certificate of Competency issued by the Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement.
- or they present evidence he or she has held a hunting license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a prior year.

## Where Are Courses Available?

Courses are sponsored by various conservation clubs, public service organizations, park districts, schools and other interest in the state.

## Why Take A Hunter Safety Education Course?

Many states are now requiring adult hunters to furnish evidence of having completed a Hunter Safety Course prior to issuance of a non-resident license.

The shooting sports, both hunting and target, are lifetime recreational activities enjoyed by millions of Americans. The Illinois Hunter Safety Education Program was designed to improve safety and to develop an attitude of respect for wildlife and the environment.



# SNOWMOBILE SAFETY EDUCATION

## What is it?

The Illinois Snowmobile Safety Education Course consists of a minimum eight hours of instruction. These courses cover the basics in maintenance and repair of snowmobiles, proper and safe operation, history of snowmobiling, first aid protection of the environment and the State laws. As in other courses, various visual aids are provided to enhance the quality of instruction.

Persons completing the hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

## Who Must Take the Course?

On October 2, 1975, a State law was passed that requires persons at least twelve years of age and less than sixteen years of age may operate a snowmobile only if:

- they have in possession a valid Snowmobile Safety Education Certificate of Competency issued by the Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement.
- they are accompanied on the snowmobile by an parent or guardian or a guardian at least sixteen years of age designated by a parent or guardian.

## Where Are The Courses Available?

Courses are sponsored by various snowmobile clubs, public service organizations, park districts, schools and other interest groups.

## Why Take A Snowmobile Safety Education Course?

Illinois winters are very unpredictable and when we receive enough snow for snowmobiling, everyone is anxious to ride. Courses should be taken before the snow arrives.

Besides teaching basic safety principles, the course attempts to develop the proper attitude of respect for the student's fellow person and for the environment. The development of this respect and correct safety procedures are essential if snowmobiling is to continue to grow and give hours of enjoyment as a leisure time recreational activity in Illinois.

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## Safety education is for everyone

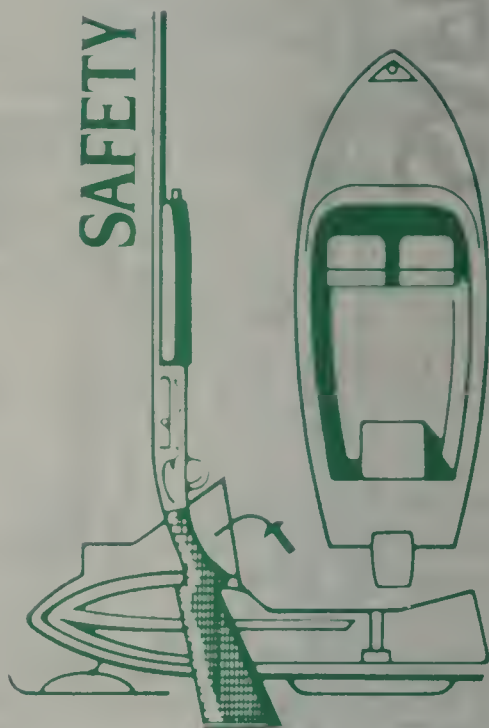
The three Mandatory Safety Education Programs, boating, hunting and snowmobiling, are primarily designed to train young people between the ages of twelve and eighteen. However, we encourage persons of all ages to participate in the programs.

All Mandatory Safety Education classes require minimum hours of instruction by law. The primary objectives of the Safety Education Programs are to teach USER RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT AND SAFETY.

### Who Teaches the Safety Education Courses?

State certified volunteer instructors and Conservation Police Officers throughout the state spend hours teaching boating, hunter and snowmobile safety education classes. The volunteer instructor staff is made up of men and women who donate thousands of hours of their personal time offering safety courses to many communities. These dedicated individuals form the backbone of the Safety Education Programs.





**For further information on where you  
may take a safety education course  
complete the form below and mail it to:**

**IL Dept of Conservation  
Division of Law Enforcement  
Safety Education Unit  
524 South 2nd Street  
Lincoln Tower Plaza  
Springfield, IL 62701-1787**

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**ATTN: SAFETY EDUCATION UNIT**

I am interested in finding  
out where I can take a

☐ boating

☐ hunting

☐ snowmobiling

Safety Education Course

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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## What Should You Bring To A Safety Education Course?

Unless specifically directed by the instructor or announced publicly, the only items you will need to bring are a pencil and note pad. Manuals and handouts are provided free by the Department of Conservation.

### General Information

- Persons of all ages are encouraged to participate in Safety Education Classes.
- Classes are open to the public and federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or handicap.
- For information on Safety Education classes in your area, contact your local Conservation Police Officer or the nearest Conservation Region Office.  
Call or write:

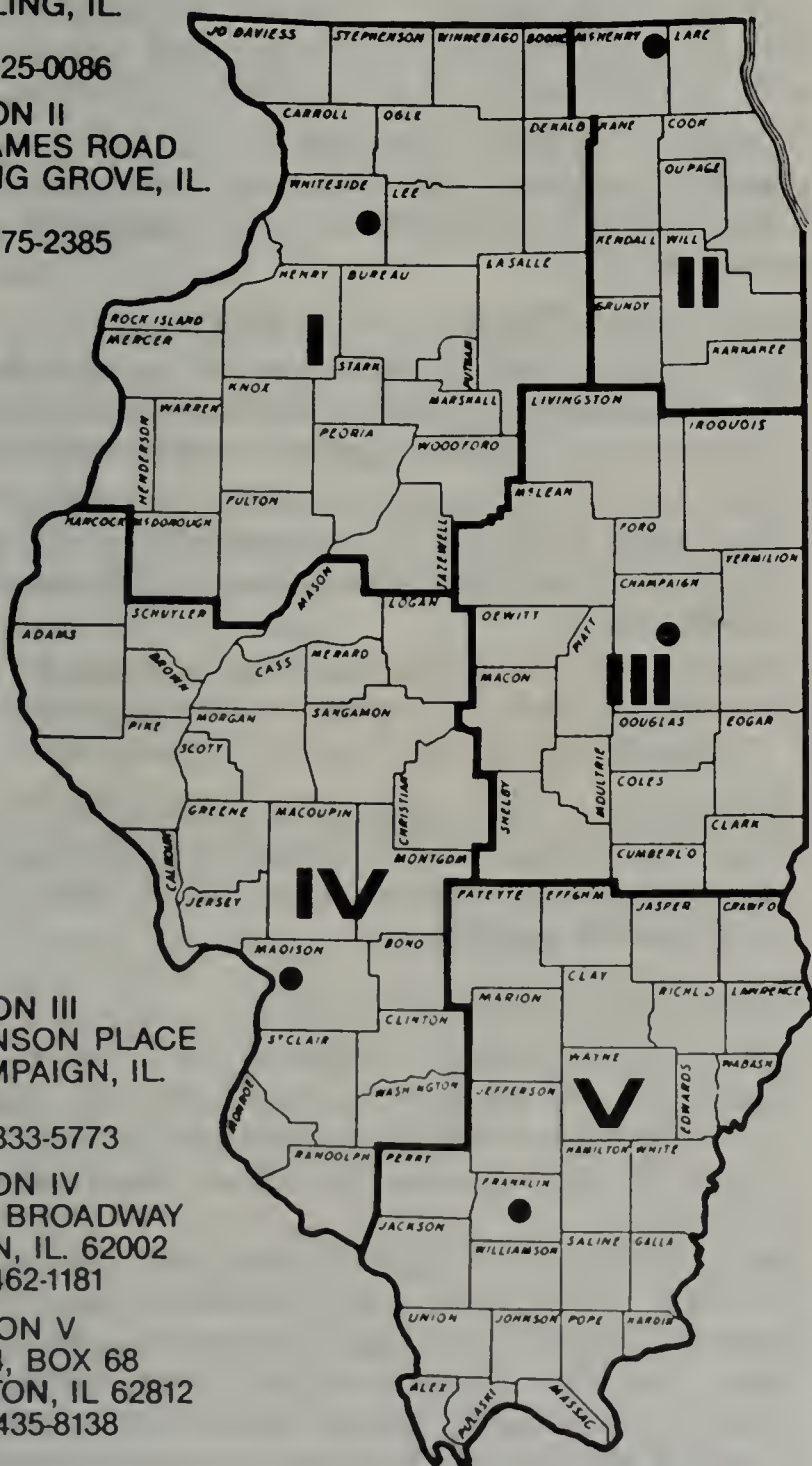
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BENTON, IL 62812  
[618] 435-8138



For further information on the Safety Education Programs contact:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
SAFETY EDUCATION UNIT  
524 SOUTH SECOND STREET  
LINCOLN TOWER PLAZA  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701-1787

**Good law enforcement is everybody's responsibility. Recreationists are urged to report violations they observe to Conservation Police Officers or to the nearest Region Conservation Office.**

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